

Tenant group halts Overdale demolition

by Pierre Tordjman

Four Overdale tenants and two tenants-rights activists were arrested yesterday morning for preventing construction workers from gutting one of the buildings in the Overdale housing tenement.

Those arrested were later charged with "assault by trespassing" and "obstruction of public officers in the execution of their duty" and released.

Following the arrests, the MUC executive committee ordered a halt to construction yesterday afternoon, pending an executive committee decision on a building permit that tenant organizers say is illegal.

According to architect Michel Fish, the permit for construction of a commercial development, contra-

venes a city bylaw which designates Overdale as a residential area. The new permit requires a zoning change which must be approved by city council.

Overdale owner and developer Robert Landau presented the new permit at a Regie du logement eviction appeal hearing March 9. MUC Executive Committee member, John Gardiner, said he had no knowledge of the permit prior to the hearing, and had not been involved with Overdale since the summer hearings.

Gardiner's aide, James McGregor, said that while the City wasn't exactly sure of Landau's plans, "they conformed to the existing by law." McGregor added the City would not revoke the permit. "If we did," he said, "Landau would sue us."

Overdale tenant organizer, Lisa Jensen was angered over the construction permit proceedings. "It is a scandal that they were able to get this permit in just a few days," she said.

Fish agreed. "I am appalled at those who take every legalism to get people kicked out of their homes, especially when those are historic homes. Gardiner is either misinformed or turning a blind eye to a very evident contravention of the City council's by law."

If the permit is not revoked, some of the 50 remaining tenants might be forced to leave as early as April 1, while the others will have to leave by May 1.

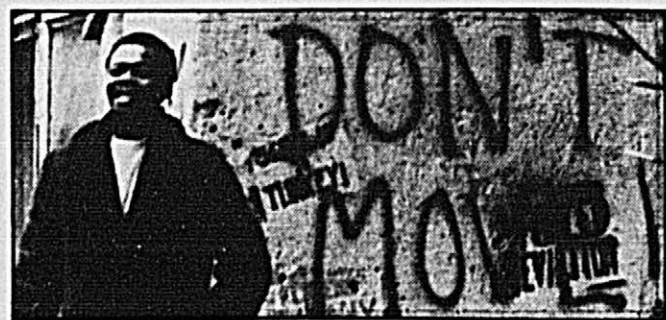
The city's executive committee will make a formal statement on the permit today.



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Concordia students protest dubbing bill

MONTREAL (CUP)—Cinema students at Concordia University will be passing petitions at movie theatre line-ups this spring to protest a controversial amendment to the Québec Cinema Act.

Bill C-59 will force film distributors to dub non-French movies before the original can be shown in Québec. If no French version is released, only one copy of the original film can be shown, and only for a limited time.

The students say that low-budget, independent films will become a rarity on Montréal theatre screens if Bill C-59 goes through, as scheduled, in June.

"It won't be worth it for distributors to dub certain films," said Andrew Noble, a member of the ad-hoc group. "Films like *My life as a Dog* have such small budgets they couldn't afford to dub that film in French so it would never be shown in Québec."

It costs an average of \$50 000, to dub a film.

Mainstream films will also be affected by the new law. Distributors will be forced to release the same number of English and French-dubbed copies simultaneously or prove that the film will be dubbed in Québec within a certain time limit.

On Feb 18, the Canadian distributor of *Broadcast News*, nomi-

nated for seven Oscar awards, pulled the film out of Québec theatres in protest of the proposed law. The movie was released again two weeks later when a French-dubbed version was made available.

"It's important to realize that this isn't a protest against the language issue," said Noble. "The protest is against what it does to cinema."

"Montréal is building up a reputation for art but this amendment will mean that we will end up falling behind," said group member Anne-Marie Gelin. "Distributors won't be interested in bringing films to Montréal. European movies won't come because of dubbing costs and will go to Toronto and New York instead."



Overdale tenants and supporters: first protesting later arrested In front of building

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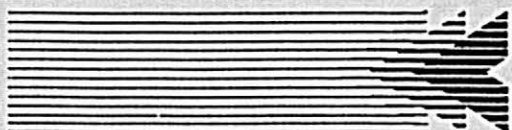
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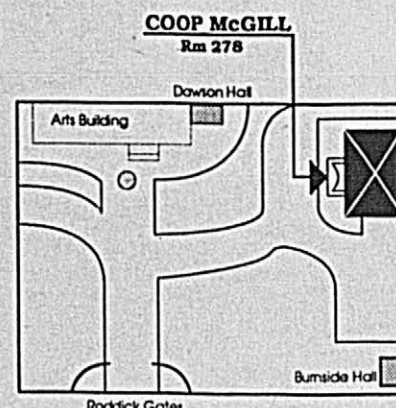
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McGill general underfunding assembly today

ANEEQ speaks on underfunding

by Jorge Rivas

McGill Students' Society (SSMU) is holding a General Assembly on university underfunding, tuition fee increases and loans and bursaries reforms.

Association nationale des étudiants et étudiants du Québec (ANEEQ) Secretary General Jean-Pierre Paquet approved of the idea. "It is important now more than ever for students of Québec to be united and speak out about underfunding and their demands for more money," he said.

While McGill students are more inclined towards self-imposed solutions to underfunding, Paquet said these solutions erode accessibility of post-secondary education. "The solution (to underfunding) is not in the students' pocket or in the corporations' hearts but in the public funds from the government," he said.

For their part, the Québec government has not allocated additional funds to universities to ease underfunding crises.

"The government says that raising fees is the solution to the underfunding problem but this is false. Tuition fees are presently 6 per cent of university budgets. Even if tuition fees were doubled, it would not be a solution, because the increase in the expenses for the loans and bursaries would absorb much of the new revenue source."

Underfunding crisis

The Québec university underfunding crisis is the result of cuts to university budgets since 1979. According to a document put out by ANEEQ, the average subsidy given to each student in 1978-79 was \$5 929. In 1987, it amounted to \$3 518 in constant dollars. Universities have accumulated a deficit of over \$300 million.

The proportion of government expenditure allocated to Universities dropped by 16 per cent from 1976-77 to 1984-85. While government expenditures as a percentage of the national Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has increased 10 per cent between 1978-79 to 1984-85, the percentage of the GDP allocated to universities has dropped by 11 per cent in the same period.

"Often people say it is not just education that is being cut but the entire budget," Paquet said. "This is not true, education has been cut much more than others, it was a political choice the government made, not a budgetary necessity. The government promised to make education the biggest priority but instead education has suffered the biggest cuts. They promised to add 28 million more and they cut 44 million."

McGill's administration has responded to underfunding by soliciting funds from corporations and other private sources. According to ANEEQ, McGill is "the champion in the (private funding) field."

Specifically, the McGill Advancement Program (MAP) has been created to raise funds from private sources.

But Paquet said private funding is an ineffective solution to underfunding. "The government says that private funding is also a solution, the other solution, but this is also false, due to the small impact private funding makes."

McGill University receives only 5 per cent of its budget from the private sector despite all its campaigns and connections. As well, contributions from the private sector are, more often than not, directed contributions which bind the university to conditions and activities contrary to the principles of educational autonomy.

At present, ANEEQ's major concerns are maintaining the provincial tuition fee freeze and reforming the loans and bursaries system. Since coming to office, the Québec Minister of Higher Education and Science, Claude Ryan, has promised a reform in the student aid program. For almost the same length of time, Ryan has delayed presenting these reforms.

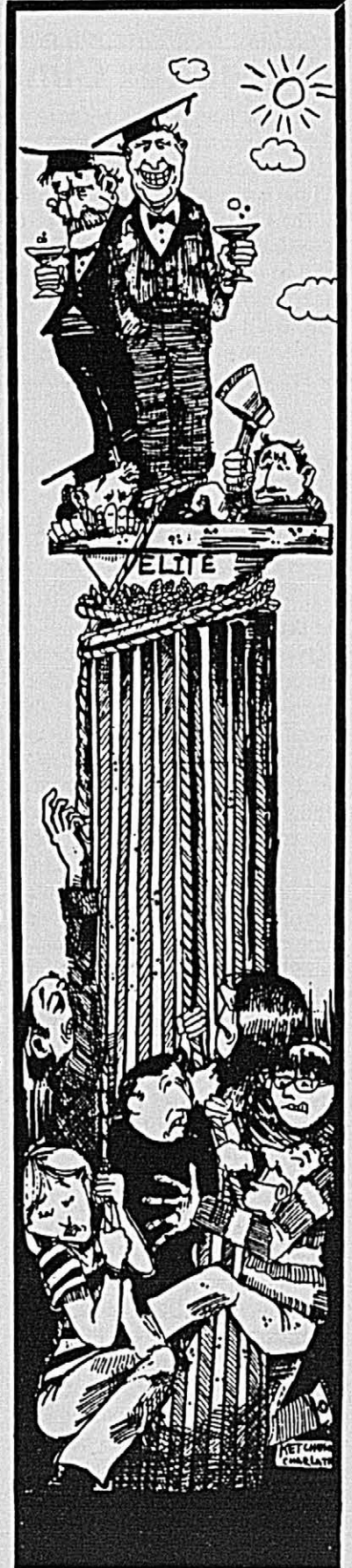
"From the beginning Ryan has maintained the same attitude: try to keep students on the sidelines of the reform process and preserve his own autonomy to act however and whenever he pleases," said Paquet, "the main objective of ANEEQ is to get the student population to speak out and tell Ryan what they think of his cutbacks."

In addition to reform of the loan and bursary system, the Québec government has also been trying to make cutbacks in education funding. "What we do as ANEEQ is try to stop the cutbacks," Paquet said, "People say that ANEEQ and the student movement have been useless because we have not advanced forward. But what they don't see is that had ANEEQ and the student movement not fought for the issues of underfunding in the past, the university funding situation would be a lot worse."

Ryan's proposal gives students raw deal

ANEEQ is currently fighting the Québec government's latest education funding proposal. "Ryan has presented students with an exchange, if we raise the tuition fees the government will put more into the loans and bursaries. What an offer! We pay \$200 million more while the government puts in \$30 million more. This is unacceptable. He knows the plan will divert funding demands while in reality the government will continue not having to increase funding and the university financial crisis will continue."

"Now we need to mobilize against the government's current attempt to raise fees. The government wants the fees raised because it gives it the excuse to cut the



Student Aid change

by Laurel Hyatt

OTTAWA (CUP)—The federal government may announce a restructuring of the Canada Student Loans program later this month. The restructuring will make it easier for students to use, according to the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

CFS Chair Tony Macerollo said he hopes the changes will include giving students more time to repay their loans, introducing grants and bursaries, and giving more assistance for disabled and part-time students.

Macerollo is part of a federal advisory group on student loans policy set up last October by Secretary of State David Crombie, made

up of representatives from national student organizations.

The group should make "immediate changes to Canada Student Loans for the 1988-89 school year," he said.

CFS information officer Catherine Louli, said "They're looking at a complete overhaul of the student loan system."

In statistics released by the Secretary of State, 37 per cent of students who negotiated a Canada Student Loan graduated more than \$5000 in debt. The average debt was \$4796.

"The Canada Student Loans Act has served us well since 1964, but it's clearly time to reorient our approach for the future," Crombie said when he announced the estab-

lishment of the advisory group."

Macerollo said the federal government should provide better summer job programs with higher wages and more positions "It's always been the position of the CFS that the best form of student aid is a summer job," he said.

Macerollo said he is disappointed with the stagnant funding of the Challenge '88 program.

A Secretary of State official said Crombie "intends to bring about changes as soon as possible to the loans act." Mary Meloshe, the head of the department's Student Assistance Directorate, said the program must have "more flexible repayment terms and greater accountability" to students.

According to Meloshe, the federal government has more than \$2 billion in outstanding loans across Canada. "That represents a significant amount of money and federal investment. It's a question of public money being well-spent," she said.

"An exciting part of this whole committee is it's first time ever that there has been direct student input into Canada Student Loans," said Louli.

Meloshe said it would take a while for this kind of bill to pass in parliament.

"Whenever you are talking about legislation you have to look at the broader government timetable," she said.

The advisory group is also working with the Council of Ministers of Education, made up of the provinces' education ministers, to discuss what level of funding the provinces can contribute for grants and bursaries.

ANEEQ protests liberal convention

by Aaron Derfel

QUEBEC CITY (CUP)—Part time students in Québec will be able to apply for loans and bursaries, if the provincial government accepts a resolution adopted at the recent provincial liberal party convention.

L'Association nationale des étudiants et étudiants du Québec (ANEEQ), the province's largest student coalition, picketed outside the convention. ANEEQ secretary general Jean-Pierre Paquet said the resolution is nothing new.

Luc Rhéaume, press attaché for Québec Education minister Claude Ryan said it is too soon to tell whether the government will implement the proposal.

"We will check into implementing the proposals," he said, "but for

now, we don't know what we'll do."

While the motion is not binding on the government, Ryan said prior to the convention he would follow any resolution adopted by the delegates.

The resolution, to lower the minimum course load requirement for student aid from four courses to two courses per term, was presented by the youth wing of the Liberal party. It has been a part of the party's policy for three years.

The Québec government spends \$275 million on financial aid to students. Of that amount, \$200 million funds bursaries. The rest pays interest charges on student loans.

funding even more. This cannot be allowed."

ANEEQ bases its strength on student unity. "We don't want to be fighting for only one group but for all groups, not only to involve students but to involve the population," said Paquet.

In the past year, ANEEQ has broadened its scope by including non-member universities. McGill has participated in this year's ANEEQ congresses and stood by them on several issues at the Québec Liberal Party Convention. This unity gave students a more powerful bargaining position with the government.

A General Assembly on university underfunding, tuition fee increases and loans and bursaries reforms today at 13h00 in Leacock 132.

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Palestine comment really biased

To the Daily

Over the years I have become accustomed to the way Israel is portrayed by the press. However, the recent articles in the *Daily* about the Palestinian issue have reached new heights in irresponsible and biased reporting. The Comment by editors Joe Heath and Michelle Gagnon (*Daily* March 3) entitled "Palestinians" is a remarkable misrepresentation of the truth. Several polls were quoted, all of which said how much Israelis dislike Arabs, and how they believe that Arabs understand only force. How else would you expect them to feel?

In its 40 year history Arab armies have attacked Israel four times in attempts to destroy it, failing each time. To expect Israelis to have any feelings of trust for Arabs vis-a-vis co-existence is preposterous. For example, Article 15 of the PLO Charter states, "The liberation of Palestine, from an Arab viewpoint, is a national duty... and aims at the elimination of Zionism in Palestine." Article 9: "Armed struggle is the only way to liberate Palestine." The PLO is seeking nothing less than the inihilation of the State of Israel. Any claims by Arafat that he is willing to negotiate with Israel is pure garbage. Rather, he will continue to attack bus loads of civilians, and lead the Palestinian people down a road of violence and extremism that can never permit a negotiated settlement.

As for Israel, a negotiated peace has always been a priority. Israel has begged her Arab neighbors to

talk peace. Except for Egypt, the Arab answer has always been no. To say that "Israel might like to avoid negotiating with the people they are currently ruling by force" is wrong. I am sure Israel would talk to Palestinians if there was anyone to talk to. To say that Israel must talk to the PLO, an organization dedicated to its destruction, is a ridiculous demand.

The real tragedy of the situation in the Middle East is that the Palestinian people have been kicked around by everyone. The oil rich Arab nations have done nothing for them but let them fester in refugee camps, the PLO has misguided them, and Israel has inherited the problem and become the oppressor. What is required from people like editors of university newspapers is the ability to sift through such complex issues and present them in a fair and accurate manner. What I have seen from the *Daily* is the kind of inaccurate reporting that can serve only to promote hatred and a terrible lack of understanding.

Ryan Katofsky
U2 Engineering

Reader perplexed

To the Daily

It is astounding how ready and willing some people are to condemn the state of Israel for any of its actions, without further analysis. I am perplexed by Mitu Sengupta's statement (*Daily*, March 8) that the state of Israel demands an oath of sorts not to participate with the PLO.



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What should be at issue is that the Israeli state must demand this oath because of the threat of this clandestine terrorist organization. We have seen their guerrilla warfare kill, torture and massacre countless innocent children and women in Israel. On March 8, 1988, the PLO murdered several innocent people on board a city bus, and yet we don't know the entire family background of the Jewish victims, as one *Daily* reporter continuously reiterates.

How can Israelis not live in fear of this group? How can we ask the Israelis to respect the rights of terrorists when they threaten their very existence?

I don't mean to say that Israel should be absolved of all criticisms, for they have much slack to clean up, but we must first analyse the current situation. The fear of being shot on a schoolbus is foreign to the majority of us, but Israelis realize that it is a fact of life. As Israelis, they fear for their lives everyday and hence must take precautions for the safety of its citizens. Taking the above into consideration, I see no harm in asking Arab settlers in the West Bank not to participate in such a terrorist organization. I believe

one of the duties of a nation state is to protect its citizenry from any harm; such a policy is designed to achieve such a goal.

Eric Tordjman
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QPIRG celebrates

To the Daily

Haven't heard the news? Miss the party? QPIRG's referendum victory is cause for McGill students to celebrate! Congratulations and thanks to everyone who voted "yes" to a QPIRG chapter on campus. Over the next few weeks, we'll



take the QPIRG constitution to Senate for ratification and work out financial logistics with McGill. By September, a full-fledged QPIRG chapter will be off the ground.

The concept of a Public Interest Research Group is still an abstract one to most people. There are (necessarily) no specific projects planned at this point, because it will be up to the student body and the elected board to choose the issues QPIRG will address. Many suggestions have already been put forth by various groups and individuals as well as by members of the QPIRG organizing club. We meet in the Union on Tuesdays at 17h00. This week's meeting will be in room 425, and we urge everyone interested to attend. We especially encourage representatives of existing organizations to get involved.

All who demonstrated their enthusiasm for a PIRG in Quebec will soon have the opportunity to channel it into PIRG "research, education and action" campaigns. But for now voters, QPIRG organizers and volunteers can bask in the glow of a great referendum result. Thanks McGill.

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Engineers change executive setup

by Eric Smith

The Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS) executive has created a Vice-President Academic to deal with concerns that can't be taken on by the VP Internal alone.

"There are minor things that aren't right," said EUS president Peter Cherna. The new position would allow the EUS to "have a means to look into course curricula, assignments and evaluation," he said.

Cherna said the position was created out of concern about faculty policies on issues such as course evaluations and the right of students to see their corrected examinations.

"Course evaluations vary from department to department," said Cherna. He added, "There are cases where students would like to see their exams."

Cherna talked about how the creation would affect the make-up of executive committees in other faculties. "We're not the only soci-

ety that's finding concern," he said.

Martin Boucher, president-elect of the Management Undergraduate Society (MUS) said "We're reorganizing the MUS constitution this summer. We'll look into this but we have no plans." He added, "We think it's a good idea."

Cherna said the position would be filled by nomination this year and would be elected after that. "It's too late to make a change in the constitution before these elections," he said.

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Anti-abortion display fictional

To the Daily

Since the Supreme Court's ruling regarding the legality of abortion, the McGill Christian Fellowship has responded on a number of occasions with a display and a petition, voicing their obvious opposition to this "arbitrary" decision, as they term it.

The display was comprised of many enlarged photographs of fetuses at various stages of development, complete with the traditional pro-life captions.

Although I am personally in favour of the pro-choice stance to this issue, I also endorse the freedom of those with other beliefs and therefore have no problem with the concept of the promotion. What I do have problems with however, is the deliberate display of fiction, while promoting legitimacy, in an attempt to persuade others.

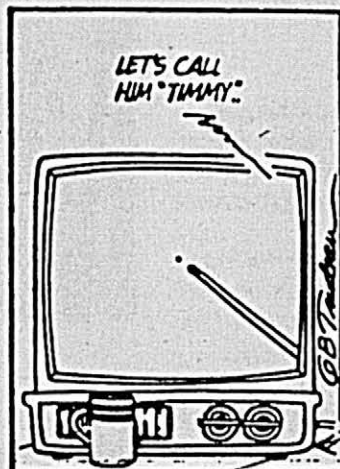
I am specifically referring to a photograph of a supposed fetus,

developed, with elongated arms and legs, completely different from any pictures of a fetus, or even of a baby, that I have ever seen or that were displayed along with it. The captions stated, "This torn and stretched body was found in a mesh bag from a suction machine." The frail body was in fact not torn at all.

Needless to say this photo was a complete fabrication and the likelihood that it was found in such a whole and yet distorted from in a bag collecting the tissue of an abortion, as the caption stated, is an impossibility—unless of course, someone had inadvertently thrown a Ken Doll into the bag.

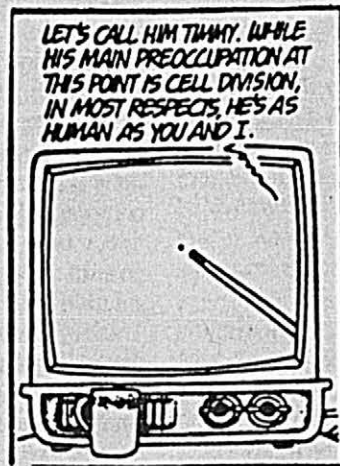
To think of the horror that any woman would have felt that has had an abortion, or was about to have

potentail lives? Or how about all the ovaries that get excised in unnecessary total hysterectomies? How

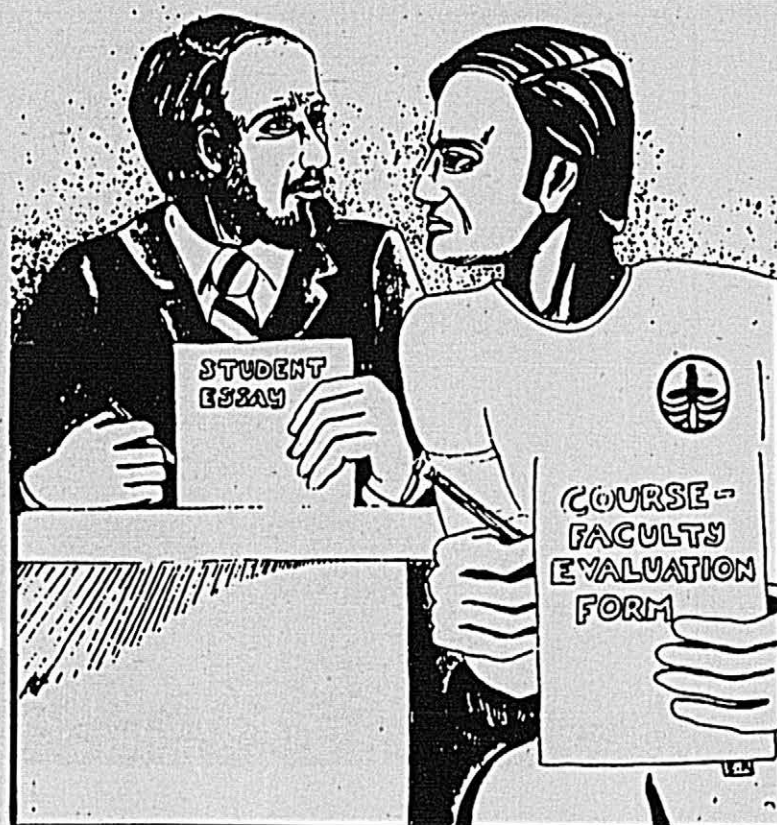


about the "new and improved" reproductive clinics that discard more than the eight per cent of spontaneous abortions? How many lives are we taking then? It's a cruel world out there Stephen. I hate to break it to you, but the cruelest of all are those who want to impose their morals onto others in the form of laws. Where is that line? When do one's morals become law for someone else? I am glad the Supreme court has come to the realization that a woman's body is in fact just that—her body. They were a little slow on the uptake.

The word "pro-lifers" is the most adequate representation of a misnomer I have ever seen. Envision warm loving religious people throwing bombs on a clinic where doctors and nurses inside try to offer their medical expertise to women who have come to seek their help, who could otherwise hemorrhage to death attempting to

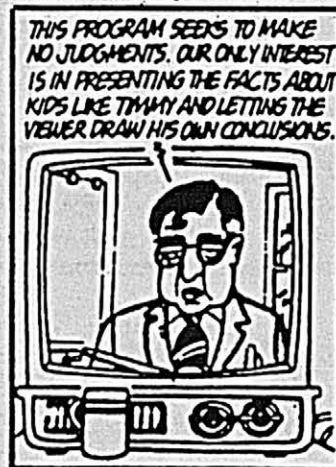


abort by themselves. If you don't want an abortion Stephen, then don't have one, but don't go around telling others what to do with their own bodies. You are correctly called anti-abortionists because that's all you are. It is not a binary opposition, that is, because you are



against abortions does not by a long shot infer that you are pro-life.

Birthright (another winner of the best misnomer of the year award) clearly does not advocate the birthing rights of women. Women who go to their clinics are subjected to photographs of dead fetuses and babies and told not to murder the children of the future. While in a state of indecisiveness of the difficult decision concerning abortion, one is easily brainwashed, thus their techniques are highly effective. Moral? Ethical? I'm not so sure. Fascist? Maybe. Then, to top



it off, when all is said and done, where does this woman end up? You got it, the pro-choice women's health centre. She's a young woman, she has been kicked out of home, had to quit school, started on welfare and needless to say was in need of support of several kinds. Due to the brainwashing she never did make a decision on her own and she was not well trained in deprogramming techniques. Birthright literally left her out on the street. All they were concerned about was that she not have an abortion, after that, they could have cared less. Do you think they instructed her prenatally? Do you think they assisted her in her post partum depression? Or did they help with adoption procedures let alone the difficult psychological impact of giving up her baby for adoption? Or did they guide her in her new life of parenting? No to all of the above. Now answer this simple skill testing question—who's life is being neglected here?

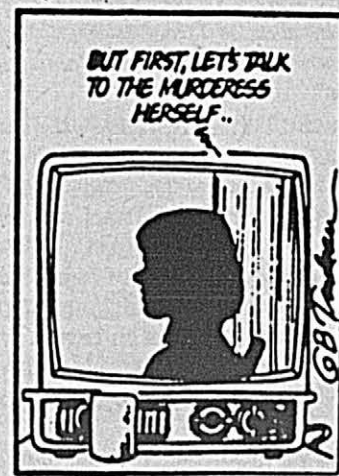
Abortion is a difficult issue for everyone, but we need to look at the



issue in context, where birth control is far from 100 per cent effective and education is even worse. For those anti-abortionists who still use the old argument that abortions are being used as a form of birth control, I suggest you check your statistics, or better yet, visit an abortion clinic, without the bomb though, please. When the 'potential life' becomes more important than the life of a fully grown woman (no viable difficulty here) how can this be termed pro-life, maybe pro-selective life. I might even go as far as to say it sounds rather anti-woman. Women have been struggling for years for reproductive rights and it's about time we be granted them. In a world where a woman is raped every 17 seconds, abortions must be made available to all women.

Anna Feindel R.N.
B.Sc. U1

Ed note: this letter was printed without a paragraph, or two in the Mar. 14th Daily. Here it is in toto. Sorry Anna.



lying horizontally across a gloved hand. This 'fetus' looked like me if I had lost about thirty pounds I thought as I stood stunned and livid in front of it. It was a tiny body fully

Samantha Peeris
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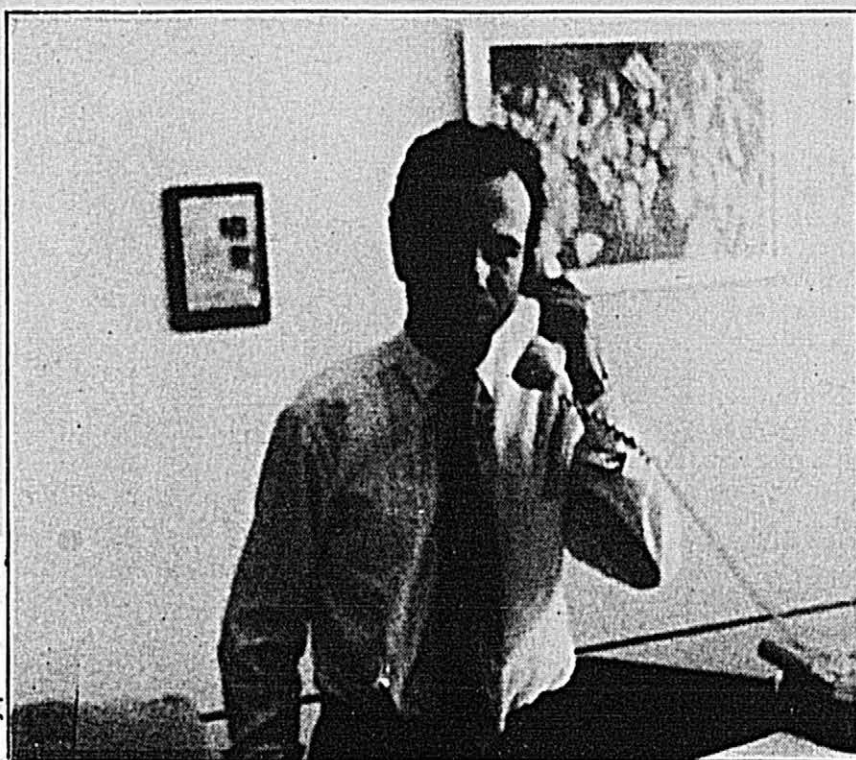
Misnomer of the year

To the Daily

Re. Stephen Clark's letter of Feb. 10th.

I would like to ask Stephen a few things: do you advocate saving ejaculate for fear we may be killing

Daily photo-Joe Heath



MOSHE KIMCHI

Daily: Numerous polls have shown that Palestinians are not only overwhelmingly supportive of the PLO, but that they consider it to be their sole legitimate representative. Why won't Israel negotiate with the PLO?

Kimchi: The PLO's *raison d'être* is to destroy the state of Israel. It is an organization founded on terrorism. We are not supposed to negotiate the terms of our own destruction. In other words, we are not obliged to negotiate with our hangman. We want to negotiate with the legitimate representative of Palestinian Arabs, inhabitants of Judea-Samaria and Gaza. We don't refer to all Palestinian Arabs as terrorists. I believe that the majority want peace as much as we do, but we have to make a distinction between Palestinian Arabs whose legitimate rights we recognize and PLO terrorists.

Daily: Why does Israel insist that the PLO recognize the right of the state of Israel to exist before even contemplating negotiations? Can-

is subject to negotiations. But one thing is for sure, there is no room for a third Palestinian state. A third state would be a source of terror to the whole area, not just Israel but to the Arab states as well.

Daily: Israel has not recognized the Palestinians' rights to self-determination. Is this because this would lead to the creation of an independent Palestinian state?

Kimchi: Yes. We see in the terminology of self-determination a Palestinian state that would constitute a danger to the existence of the state of Israel.

Daily: But support among Palestinians for King Hussein's regime is less than one per cent. Over 90 per cent support the PLO. What's the point of negotiating with Jordan?

Kimchi: Jordan is a legitimate counter-part to negotiate with Israel. And we think the problem must be solved in negotiations between Israel and Jordan—Jordan represents a fair proportion of the Palestinian people. 50 per cent of the population of Jordan is Palestinian. Jordan is a stable, legitimate state. It is our neighbour, with whom we want to have the

most peaceful relationship. That doesn't deny the possibility to Palestinian Arabs living in Judea-Samaria to form their own delegation and speak for themselves—we recognized that right in the Camp David agreement. We are willing to negotiate with Palestinian Arabs,

all they have to do is form a delegation.

Daily: But these delegates must not be members of the PLO.

Kimchi: Of course.

Daily: The Palestinians aren't trying to choose their negotiating partners. Even if the PLO has not explicitly accepted the right of the state of Israel to exist, it does recognize that the government has the right to speak on behalf of Israelis. How can the state of Israel justify choosing which Palestinian it wants to negotiate with?

Kimchi: The problem is not one of finding your counter-part. We cannot dictate upon the Palestinians who will represent them, but only up to a certain limit. If those who pretend to represent the Palestinians or if the Palestinians choose as representative those whose only aim is to bring destruction and tragedy, and deny the existence of another state, we are not obliged to negotiate with such elements. We are prepared to negotiate with legitimate elements. Calling for the destruction of Israel is not a legitimate right of Palestinians.

Daily: And to ask for their own state is also not

"We are not interested in negotiating the terms of our own destruction. We are not obliged to negotiate with our hangman. We want to negotiate with the legitimate representatives of Palestinian Arabs."

—Moshe Kimchi:
Israeli Consul in
Montréal

MIDDLE EAST

legitimate?

Kimchi: They can claim whatever they like, and we will claim whatever we like. There is consensus in Israel that there is no room for a third Palestinian state.

Daily: What was your reaction to Egyptian President Mubarak's statement that Camp David is not a viable framework for resolution of the Palestine conflict?

Kimchi: Camp David is valid. I think it provides a very genial framework for peace. It is a valid starting point or framework for peace between Israel and all Arab nations in the Middle East. If the Arabs had accepted Camp David in the late '70s, by now we would have solved all the problems in the Middle East, including the Palestine problem.

Daily: Before Sadat's announcement which initiated the Camp David process, there was a movement towards an international conference at which all parties would be represented. The bi-lateral talks temporarily scuttled this idea, but it is re-emerging. What is Israel's position on entering an international conference?

Kimchi: There is a consensus in the Israeli political sphere that the road to peace is through direct bilateral negotiations between the parties involved. The question is whether these should be exclusive, or whether they should be in the framework of an international conference. There is a difference between how Israel views an international conference and how some Arab states and other powers look upon it. Israelis who are in favour of such a conference look upon it as a way of facilitating direct talks among the parties. Some other powers look upon it as a forum in which a solution will be dictated upon the parties. There is no way Israel will accept a conference that will dictate the terms of peace or impose a solution upon the parties.

Daily: At the onset, many people assumed the current uprising would die down fairly quickly. But it shows no sign of abating. What position does this put you in?

Kimchi: We hope that this will be stopped as soon as possible. We hope Palestinian Arabs will learn from history. If they want to end this crisis, they will realize that they must stop the violence, must stop hurling petrol bombs in order to kill Israeli soldiers. They must believe

that there is no way Israel will give up in front of terrorism or violent demonstrations. If you want to obtain something from Israelis, come and talk to the Israelis. I am confident that the Palestinian Arabs will learn the consequences of what has happened in the last two months.

Daily: In many people's eyes, Israel's use of force in the occupied territories has been excessive. How can the violence be stopped if soliders are provoking the population?

Kimchi: The people who were killed in Judea-Samaria and Gaza were violent demonstrators who are hurling petrol bombs against soldiers in order to kill them. Rocks and stones can kill like a live bullet, just remember the famous illustration—David killed Goliath with a stone—so stones kill. Mosques have been turned into storage places for petrol bombs. These demonstrators want to kill soliders whose only aim is to restore peace and tranquility in these areas. When our soldiers feel themselves attacked, and when all other means have been used, they must use their weapons. But the people killed are not innocent people, they are violent demonstrators.

Daily: But there have been instances of...

Kimchi: I don't deny that there were two or three isolated cases in which soldiers did not act properly. But we are the only army in the world with the moral courage to court martial these soldiers. We could put an end to these demonstrations if we were using some of the methods employed by some of our neighbouring states. When confronted with similar situations, they didn't hesitate to send soldiers, who in some cases killed thousands, and nobody knew because cameras were not allowed there.

But we are a civilized, democratic country. We must act within the framework of the law. An Israeli soldier is taught in the first day of recruitment to the army that 'you are a soldier, but first you are a citizen and must obey the law'. An Israeli soldier is not supposed to obey an illegal order—if they do so they are court martialled. There is no other army in the world with this moral courage. We want the media to treat us accordingly. The world is entitled to know that Israel is based on higher moral standards, and that that world is treating Israel in a different way from the way other countries are being treated.

There is no room in the land of Israel for a third Palestinian state.

ada doesn't even recognize the right of the state of Israel to exist.

Kimchi: We don't need someone from the outside to recognize the right of the state of Israel to exist. Israel's right to exist is immanent in itself. We want to negotiate with every Palestinian Arab who renounces terrorism and recognizes the right of the state of Israel to exist.

Daily: But even if the PLO recognized the right of the state of Israel to exist, would Israel acknowledge the right of a Palestinian state to exist?

Kimchi: There is no room in the land of Israel for a third Palestinian state. There are already two Palestinian states. There is a Palestinian Jewish state, which is Israel, and a Palestinian Arab state, which is Jordan. We know that in the geographical areas of Judea-Samaria (the West Bank) and Gaza, there are Arabs, who belong in this region, who have a problem—a problem which must be solved. Israel has offered, on various occasions, a solution to their problem.

But what form this political solution will take

"If being moderate implies acceptance of Israeli sovereignty over Palestinian land, and the denial of our right to self-determination, then Israel will find no moderates."

*—Abdullah Abdullah:
Palestine Liberation
Organization
spokesperson in Ottawa*



Daily photo-Peter Chingos

T DIALOGUE

ABDULLAH ABDULLAH

Daily: The current uprising in the occupied territories has once again focused world attention on the plight of Palestinians. What opportunities does this provide for the PLO?

Abdullah: It has provided us with an opportunity to reach out to the outside world. It has given the Palestinians living under occupation an opportunity to show the true face of the occupation they oppose, and fight to bring it to an end.

At the same time, it has shown that the Palestinian people are united. There is no difference in the character of our struggle inside or outside of the occupied territories—it is the struggle for self-determination. It also dispels any doubt that the PLO speaks on behalf of the Palestinian people. It also shows that the Palestinians are not trying to infringe on the rights of others, they simply want to reclaim their legitimate human rights—rights taken for granted by many others.

Daily: The Israeli government is saying they will only negotiate with 'moderate' Palestinians. Do you see the possible emergence of a new Palestinian leadership which is more 'moderate' than the PLO?

Abdullah: It depends on how you define moderate. If it implies acceptance of Israeli sovereignty over Palestinian land, and the denial of the right to self-determination, they will find no moderates. If they are looking for quislings, they will not find them.

The Palestinians will not forget the terrorist past of (Israeli Prime Minister) Yitzhak Shamir, but they will also not expect to choose who can and cannot represent the Israelis. In return, they will not accept Israel choosing who will represent them. But the Israelis are not even discussing the issues at stake, only the representation. It is an excellent way to perpetuate their colonization.

Daily: What precisely is the relationship between the PLO and the leaders of the uprising in the occupied territories? Many people see the PLO as an organization exterior to the actual movement, trying to capitalize on the publicity.

Abdullah: The people being shot right now are

members of the PLO. The Palestinians in the occupied territories, in the slogans they chant at demonstrations, in the statements they issue, are saying that they are part and parcel of the PLO. The flag they raise is the flag of the PLO, and pictures of Chairman Arafat are all over.

What is at stake is the demands of these people. And the demands of the PLO are exactly the same as those of the Palestinians in the occupied territories. There is not one single issue on which the local leadership and the PLO are at variance. The leadership is one, and that is the PLO. The Israelis would like to say that the PLO is not involved in the uprising, so they don't have to negotiate with the PLO. But sometimes they get confused, and they try to blame the uprising on PLO agitation. Eventually they will have to sort this out. And eventually it is the with the PLO that they will have to negotiate.

Daily: Why did the PLO refuse to accept U.N. resolution 242 for so long?

Abdullah: The PLO was never against 242 because of what it said. All the items in 242 are not rejected by the PLO. Rather, 242 is not accepted as a basis for negotiations—because of what it does not say—which is recognition of the right to self-determination. It is because of this point that 242 is insufficient and inappropriate for negotiations.

The PLO has suggested that this could be amended to include human rights. In Chairman Arafat's last address to the U.N. NGO conference, and throughout September to November of 1987, he said the PLO is willing to accept all U.N. resolutions on Palestine, but that they could not be taken in isolation.

Daily: Why will the PLO not recognize the right of the state of Israel to exist?

Abdullah: No one would expect the Blacks of South Africa to recognize the right of the White government to exist. And the Israelis are not even saying they will be content to live within pre-1967 borders. They also insist that the Palestinians have no rights. They consider the whole matter a border dispute between them and neighbouring states. Because of Israel's position, the PLO is pushing for mutual recognition, within the framework of an international conference.

But there is a growing voice in Israel, par-

ticularly among intellectuals, to negotiate with the Palestinians. Some are willing to accept Palestinian statehood and negotiations with the PLO. Israelis are slowly beginning to realize that this is the only way to peace.

Daily: Do you think opposition from Israeli citizens is strong enough to actually influence government policy?

Abdullah: No, because there is no distinction between the Labour and Likud parties. One puts a candy coating on the poison, the other serves it rough. As long as they have the unconditional support of the United States to continue the brutality and repression, they will not change.

But the costs of occupation will begin to outweigh the benefits. It is not easy to control millions of people. This is not just an internal problem, but one of world opinion. And world opinion is changing. I was surprised that Canadian opinion could change in such a short period of time. It is beginning to achieve more balance. A recent poll of Canadians' reaction to the Israel's repression of the current uprising showed that 14 per cent support the Palestinians and 20 per cent support the Israelis. People are beginning to recognize that the answer cannot be military—even (Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak) Rabin admits this.

Daily: What was your response to the recently signed agreement in which the United States

granted Israel non-NATO ally status?

Abdullah: The United States is playing with Israel in its global policy. To the American administration, Israel can be used to block the advances of the Soviet Union in the Middle East. But this support can't last forever. Antagonism with the Soviet Union is abating. When Israel becomes less of an asset, then things will change.

Daily: Supporters of Israel say the Palestinians had a chance to establish their independence in the Camp David agreement. Why was the Camp David formula rejected?

Abdullah: You just have to look at what the Egyptians are saying right now. They are saying that the Camp David agreement is not a basis for negotiations on the Palestine question. Camp David was a recipe for subjugation, and it was rejected by Palestinians at large. They wanted to divide the Palestinian people into regions—the West Bank, the Gaza strip and the refugees. They also wanted to keep the land under Israeli sovereignty. Palestinians resist such a notion, they are not interested in a Banthustan solution. They're not buying this

solution in South Africa either, so nobody would be considering Camp David seriously. *Daily: The PLO is recognized by many nations as being a functional government-in-exile. Why has the PLO not officially declared itself as such?*

Abdullah: The idea has not been rejected, it is still under discussion. The basic feeling is that a provisional government will only be formed when we are close to reaching a solution—on the threshold of serious negotiations. Right now the idea has been neither rejected or accepted. But if we come closer, then we will form a government-in-exile.

Daily: There have been disturbing polls taken among Israeli Jews which reveal a fairly high level of racial bigotry. Do you think Israel is moving towards an Apartheid system.

Abdullah: The policy of the Israeli government, Labour or Likud, is to indoctrinate its citizens. They encourage outright hatred against the Arabs. This is an attitude which would form the cornerstone of an Apartheid system in the Middle East. The PLO is dealing with this issue very delicately. We don't want

The Palestinians are not trying to infringe on the rights of others, they simply want to reclaim their legitimate human rights

Israeli citizens to feel threatened, but we want them to witness the way their government is treating the Palestinians—the mass arrests, the closure of universities, the violent suppression of demonstrations. One out of every four Palestinians has been jailed in the last 20 years. We want them to realize the implications of this sort of treatment.

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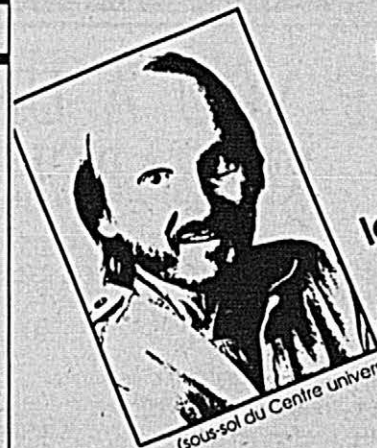
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Fitness with pleasure: personalized consultations in your own home or office. Rick Blatter, Health and Fitness Consultant. Office Hours: Saturday mornings 05h30 to 13h30, telephone 625-1352.

Bicycle tune-ups. Flats, brakes, gears... Starving student rates. House calls. "If I can't fix it... get a new one" Dr Cycle: 286-8102. Hi Mom!

Stress reduction - learn to improve your life with efficient tension release techniques and lifestyle management strategies. Group or individual instruction. 279-8250.

361 - ARTICLES FOR SALE

For sale - brand new surf board with sail. Never been used. For more info please contact Anna after 6:00pm at 327-1312.

Bicycle parts: complete Shimano 600, Modolo speedy brakes, 1985 edition. \$175. Call 527-3890.

Vivitar 28-200mm macro zoom lens with UV filter \$200. Vivitar 2x macro converter \$80. Both Pentax bayonet mount. Call 843-6184.

372 - LOST & FOUND

MISSING - ladies gold Selko watch. Slightly cracked face. Lost between RVC and Leacock. Has sentimental value. If found please leave message at 398-9228 or T-233 RVC. Reward.

LOST - black leather wallet at Ger's Friday March 11. Don't need the money but ID is crucial. Please return. 844-8482.

374 - PERSONAL

Male actors needed for Director's Project. Auditions for "The Shaw" by David Mamet being held Tuesday, March 15, 3-5 and Wednesday, March 16, 4-7 in Arts Bldg B-51.

Attractive, personable, basically gay student interested in cycling, travel, art, psychology, seeks decent, open-minded guys for friendship/intimacy. Andrew, Box 764, H2W 2P3.

"Converse", this is driving me nuts; if you want proof, get it my reading next week's issue of "Time" in my presence. As soon as it is released.

A friendly ear to call on when McGill has gone to sleep... when insomnia attacks and you don't like counting sheep... call Nightline!! 398-6246.

McGill Nightline... listening, information and referrals... till the wee hours of the morning. 7 days a week. 6 pm till 3 am. 398-6246.

383 - LESSONS OFFERED

Yoga classes, continuing at the Yellow Door, Thursdays, 6 pm. \$20 for 4 weeks. Call Ed at 398-6244 or Heather [instr.] at 933-3588 [evenings] for information.

385 - NOTICES

Join the Shakin' Foundations and do it one last time. Saturday, March 19th. Live in Gertrude's Pub. Love: Kurt, Bob, Pete, Phil, Fraser. (Sort of a Last Waltz Type of Thing.)

Saturday, March 26th 8:30pm, Ois Day and the Knights, the Animal House band. Currie Gym. Tickets \$8 for students, on sale at Sadie's.

The Tooth Fairy: who is she and what does she do? ...Savite Action Committee. P.S. Elvis please call home.

St-Martin's in-the-basement. Weekly worship, Sunday 10:30am. Everyone welcome, 3521 University St. Presbyterian-United Church chaplaincy at McGill.

387 - VOLUNTEERS

Twin brothers age 14-40 needed as paid volunteers for a survey being conducted at McGill. Survey can be completed through the mail. 849-6814, 6-10pm.

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TODAY

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ON

UNDERFUNDING

Following the keynote address, the four resolutions below are proposed for discussion:

1. **Be it resolved** that the Government of Quebec end its relative underfunding of certain Quebec universities, including McGill, by compensating them in 1988-89 allocations for the injustices of the current funding formula, and by helping to retire their accumulated deficits.
2. **Be it resolved** that the Government of Quebec recognize the crucial importance of higher education to the future of the province by increasing its expenditures in this area to a greater proportion of provincial GNP.
3. **Be it resolved** that the prohibition of all forms of disguised tuition fees, including the so-called 'course material charge,' be a precondition to any tuition fee increase.
4. **Be it resolved** that a tuition fee increase be instituted *only if*:
 - a) preceded by loans and bursaries reform and a provincial election,
 - b) detailed study concludes that the increase will not inhibit access to universities,
 - c) accompanied by increased student representation on university governing bodies and a comprehensive system of teaching evaluation by students; and
 - d) the resultant fee does not exceed the Canadian average.

If passed, these resolutions will form the basis of SSMU's campaign for better university funding this spring. Other motions or amendments related to university funding may be proposed from the floor.

The General Assembly will operate on the basis of one student/one vote. Quorum is 200. All motions that are passed become official SSMU policy. There will even be music.

Take a break from this year's exam crush to make the student point on underfunding. The Quebec Government will not have to change anything if we cannot prove we care.



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